

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following amended Abstract of the Disclosure:

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A toner contained in a hopper is fed to an electrostatic conveyance member by a supply roller. With an actuator of the electrostatic conveyance member functioning, the toner is conveyed while being electrically charged at the same time, and is then supplied to a development roller. A thin layer of toner is formed on the development roller under the effect of an electric field. Since the toner is formed and charged without a mechanical layer thickness controlling member such as a doctor blade, mechanical stress acting on the toner is reduced.